

C. Remarks

1. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over European Publication No. EP 0 636 962 A2 (“Chou”) in view of United States Patent No. 6,966,002 (“Torrubia-Saez”). Claims 3-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Chou in view of Torrubia-Saez and/or various other references. The examiner has objected to claims 21-30 but has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. Applicants hereby amend claims 1 and 11 and cancel claims 21-22 and 26-27.

2. The Amended Claims Are Allowable.

Applicants respectfully traverse the claim rejections for at least the reasons set forth in the response to the Office Action mailed on July 19, 2006.

Notwithstanding, and solely in order to expedite allowance of the claims that the examiner has indicated as containing allowable subject matter, Applicants hereby amend claims 1 and 11 to recite the limitations set forth in claims 22 and 27, respectively. Applicants hereby cancel claims 21 and 26.

3. **Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance thereof.

Respectfully submitted,



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